The quantity and value of spot market purchases during the year 1986-87 are about 5.9 million tonnes and Rs. 760** crores respectively.

(b) The value and quantity of crude oil imported from Iraq and Libya are indicated below:

	1986		1987		1986-87		1987-88 (proposed)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Iraq	1.46	175	3.1	507	2.6	362	2.1	395
Libya	..	..	..	Nil		..	..	..

The quantity and value of Sulphur imported from Iraq and Libya are given below:

Quantity: Tonnes
Value : Rs./Crores

	1986		1987		1986-87		1987-88 (to date)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Iraq	15,000	2.34	15,000	1.87	15,000	2.34	15 000	1.87
Libya	..	..	..	Nil	..	..	..	..

* Includes a product swap of 0 3 million tonnes

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(c) Term contracts are resorted to for long term security of supplies and also for obtaining crude oil generally not available in spot market.

(d) No problems are being faced in the shipment of oil in the Gulf due to the Iran-Iraq war.

(e) Most of the term contracts have trade linkages. On spot market purchases, other things being equal, preference is given to parties making proposals for counter trade.

Development of Western Offsore Oil and Gas Fields

3458. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has big plans for development of western offshore oil and gas fields;

(b) whether ONGC invited offers in the last year for works to be carried out in respect of western offshore integrated development project, gas lift schemes in north and south Bombay High; Heera gas process platforms and Heera-Uran oil and gas pipelines;

(c) the names of the companies

which responded to the tenders for these projects;

(d) if any company has been selected for award, its name, order value, project completion schedule, scope of work involved and benefits to ONGC in terms of production increase; and

(e) the expenditure involved in each of the above projects and tentative dates when they are to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Acquiring of Heli-Rigs

3459. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC or Oil India are planning to acquire Heli-rigs, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the present stage of the Heli-rigs project; and

(c) what will be the cost of each Heli-rig and who are the suppliers of these Heli-rigs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) ONGC propose to acquire one TBA rig which can also be transported by helicopter, if required. The technical bids received against ONGC's tender were opened on 1.2.88 and the bidders conference would be held on 25-29.3.1988.

(c) The cost of the rig as estimated by ONGC would be Rs. 10 crore approximately. The following firms have shown interest in the tender:—

1. BHEL, India.
2. Triveni Structural, India.
3. National Oil Well, USA.
4. IPS Cardwell, USA.
5. Branham Industries, USA.
6. Soil Mac Drilling & Foundation Eqpt. Italy.
7. M/s. Ferrostaal, USA.
8. Industrial Export Import, Romania.

Categorisation of Industries

3460. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have categorised the industries which need immediate modernisation, those which can wait for a few years and the industries which will need to be modernised after 7 to 10 years, if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) which industries in particular need immediate steps for modernisation to be able to become competitive in the international market and what steps are being taken by Government to modernise them;

(c) which infrastructural industries need immediate modernisation to become competitive, judging from international standards; and

(d) what are the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a)to (d) From time to time, certain industries are selected for modernisation programme taking into account various factors including the state of indigenous